

CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

CHALFONT ST GILES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DECISION STATEMENT

Summary

Following an Independent Examination and Referendum, Chiltern District Council confirms that the Chalfont St Giles Neighbourhood Plan (“the Plan”) forms part of the Development Plan and the policies in the Plan will therefore now be given full weight when assessing planning applications that affect land covered by the Plan.

This decision statement and the Plan can be viewed at:

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Chalfont St Giles,
Bucks,
HP8 4QA

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HP6 5AW

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Background

In October 2012 Chalfont St Giles Parish Council, as the relevant body, applied for Chalfont St Giles Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of preparing a neighbourhood plan. The Neighbourhood Area application was approved by Chiltern District Council (the Council) on 20 December 2012 in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Following the submission of the Plan to the Council in November 2018, the Plan was publicised and representations were invited. The consultation period closed on 8th February 2019.

The Council, with the agreement of Chalfont St Giles Parish Council, appointed an independent examiner, Mrs Janet Cheesley, to review whether the Plan met the Basic Conditions required by legislation and if it should proceed to referendum.

The Examiner’s Report concluded that, subject to making the modifications proposed by the Examiner, the Plan met the Basic Conditions set out in the legislation and should proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning referendum.

Decision and Reasons

On 23rd April 2019 the Head of Planning and Economic Development made the delegated decision for the Council to accept and act upon the Examiner’s report and that the Chalfont St Giles Neighbourhood Plan (as modified by the Examiner’s Report) should proceed to referendum. The modifications proposed by the Examiner were made to the submitted plan to ensure that the draft plan met the Basic Conditions.

A referendum took place on Thursday 13th June 2019. The results showed 91.6% of those who voted were in favour of the plan.

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On 23rd July 2019 the Council agreed, pursuant to section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, to 'make' the Chalfont St Giles Neighbourhood Plan as more than half of those voting voted in favour of the Plan.

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